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For: AN INJECTION MOLDING NOZZLE TIP WITH INSERT

**AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action dated November 17, 2000, in the above-captioned application. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 22 as follows:

Claim 22, line 4, delete "to the inner portion" (first occurrence).

Please add new claims 49-56 as follows: